

Appln No. 10/753332

Amdt. Dated: December 28, 2006

Response to Final Office Action of November 27, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of November 27, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 5;

dependent claims 2-4 are amended to replace "first and second methods" with --curing methods--;

dependent claim 5 is cancelled; and

dependent claims 6-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendments to not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of the pending claims 5, 7 and 10-17.

Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejections***Regarding Claims 2-4***

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments to claims 2-4 to replace "first and second methods" with --curing methods-- provide sufficient antecedent basis for these elements from independent claim 1, as required by the Examiner.

Regarding Claims 7-12

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendment to independent claim 1 to incorporate the recitation of the multiple layer printing of the printing system, provides sufficient antecedent basis for the indicated recitations in dependent claims 7-12, as required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the anticipation rejections of the claims over newly cited Borgardt (US 5,730,058), Reed et al. (US 6,026,748) and Stadler et al. (US 6,443,058), based on the above-described amendment to independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 5.

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It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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